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Sir:

This is a request for filing a
[ ] Continuation   [x] Divisional (parent not abandoned)
application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial
No. <u>Rule 53(b) Div. of SN 09/564,647</u>, filed <u>April 27, 2001</u>
for [Title]: <u>REFRIGERATING CYCLE OR COMPRESSOR HAVING FOREIGN MATTER COLLECTOR</u>
by [Inventors]: <u>Hirotsugu FUKUOKA</u>

1.   [x] A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises
           a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification,
           claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the
           declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application
           introduced new matter therein.

2.   [x] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS
      CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW   Basic Fee
                                                      $ 710.00 (*355.00)

Total claims	10	-20 = 0	x $18.00 (* 9.00) =	
Independent claims	7	- 3 = 4	x $80.00 (*40.00) =	320.00
Total Filing Fee.........................			=	$1,030.00

3.   [x] A check in the amount of $1,030.00 is enclosed (Ck#13954).
           THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES
           WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT
           NO. 16-0331. TWO DUPLICATE COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE ENCLOSED.

4.   [x] Cancel in this application original claims <u>1, 2, 4, 5 and 15</u> of
           the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least
           one original independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

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5. [x] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
    --This is a [] Continuation [x] Rule 1.53(b) Division of application Serial No. 09/564,647 filed May 3, 2000 which in turn is a Rule 1.53(b) Division of application Serial No. 09/201,880 filed November 30, 1998, now abandoned, which in turn is a Rule 1.53(b) Division of application Serial No. 08/802,533, filed February 18, 1997, now U.S. Patent 5,865,607.--

6. [ ] Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.

7. [] New [ ] Formal [ ] Informal drawings are enclosed: Fig(s). .

8. [x] Priority of foreign application(s) No. 8-053908 filed February 16, 1996 in JAPAN is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

    [x] The certified copy was filed in prior application No. 08/802,533 on February 18, 1997.

    [ ] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

9. [x] The prior application is assigned of record to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. Recorded at Reel 8485, Frame 0330.

10. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:

     [x] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

     [ ] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

     [X] c. Address all future communications to
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11. [x] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.

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12. [x]   An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

*13. []   Small entity status was established in the parent application via
          a verified statement filed on _____ .

                              Respectfully submitted,

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